

Michigan Long Term Care Supports and Services Commission
Health Promotion, Chronic Care Management and Caregiver Support Work Group
Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2009 1-3 pm
MDRC Conference Room

PRESENT: RoAnne Chaney, Andy Farmer, Nora Barkey (on phone), Cathy Backos, Sarah Szwejda, Sherri King, Dan Dozema, Sara Duris, SuAnne McBrien and Ellen Weaver

Minutes from December OK; great presentation by Carol Callaghan.

Dan Dozema T-CARE (Tailored Caregiver Assessment and Referral Process)

Handouts Position Paper developed by Dr. Rhonda Montgomery, also Introduction to T-CARE and matrix of Current Initiatives and Interests by Region and Organization

The T-CARE Model was developed in 2007, then refined. Grant from the National Alzheimer's Association. Worked with Florida, Georgia, Wisconsin and Washington, in addition to MI. T-CARE. Statewide implementation was mandated.

Assess caregiver stages. Example - when looking at respite, 1/3 caregivers never use it, 1/3 drop it, and 1/3 utilize it - why?

Opportunity to offer T-CARE training in 2009 (train the trainer and training new organizations, training information and assistance staff and training of directors, mid-level managers and case/care managers); proposal for training written by Rhonda Montgomery, Dale Adler and Don Dozema, with input from Nora Barkey and Bonnie Graham. Looking at trainings for 2010, but there are funding issues.

Save-the-Date (handout) Info: Webinar on T-CARE with Rhonda Montgomery on 3/12/09 from 2-3:30 pm. Presenting T-CARE model for directors, middle managers and case managers.

Trying to spread the word about T-CARE to the disability community. There is no charge for training - there is \$\$ in the budget for hotels and lunches.

Multi-year planning process for AAAs coming up w/ an added requirement to address caregiver screening and assessment. AAAs have in the past used respite in different ways (e.g. transportation). The hope is that there will be a cadre of T-CARE trainers in Michigan.

The master trainer curriculum has been delayed a bit.

Discussion

Nora - Melissa in the UP is working w/ Dale Adler to identify resources for caregivers.

Cathy - would discharge planners go through this training? Dan - maybe...it depends on how involved they are and how much they know about the resources available. SuAnn - not everyone sees the discharge planner. RoAnne - they should still be aware. Andy - discharge planning standards need to be modernized. RoAnne - we should prioritize people on waiting lists. Sherri King - Standards for assistive and adaptive technologies.

Handouts discussed-Title 3B of Older Americans Act, Funding through the Aging Network for Adaptive Technology

This group could put together a definition of AT recommendations. RoAnne will do an email to the group. RoAnne - Review of Logic Model (handout). Nora and RoAnne edited the Model and e-mailed it to work group. Please send RoAnne your thoughts.

Discussion of the LTCSS eliminated as of 10/1/09.

Next Work group Meeting April 21st from 1-3:00 pm at MDRC.